and for improving the quality of cotton, increase in production, marketing and its processing in the country;

(b) if so, the details of its main functions and the time by which the said Mission is likely to start functioning;

(c) the details of places where the main centres of this Mission are likely to be set up particularly in Gujarat;

(d) the number of persons appointed for the functioning of this Mission initiallyalongwith the responsibilities assigned to them;

(e) whether any amount has been allocated for the functioning of this Minssion; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f) The proposal to set up technology mission on cotton is under consideration and details are being worked out.

[Translation]

Use of Hindi

2044. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of meetings of Hindi Consultative Committee held after its recommendations two years back;

(b) whether the Rajbhasha is being neglected intentionally;

(c) is so, the reasons therefor ;

(d) the number of Magazines/Pamphlets published in Hindi by departments and undertakings under the Ministry ;

(e) whether their special issue would be published in the Golden Jubilee Year ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Hindi Salahakar Samittee of the Ministry was reconstituted on 24th April, 1997, after the expiry of term of previous samittee. Meeting of fhe reconstituted Salahakar Samittee is proposed to be held shortly.

(b) No, Sir. As far as possible, the Official Language Act, Official Language Rules, 1976 and orders issued under them by Department of Official Language are duly being implemented in the Ministry.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Cotton Technology Mission

2045. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Centre to set up cotton technology mission upgradation fund' appearing in *'Business Standard'* dated July 9, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals cleared or under consideration of the Government with the implementation thereof ;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any action plan for implementation of said mission and any role assigned to the State agencies thereunder during 1997-98;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether the Government have received any representation/suggestions from the cotton growers/State Governments on the proposed mission in the country ; and

(f) if so, the details therof and the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The proposal to set up technology mission is under consideration and details are being worked out.

Ganga Action Plan

2046. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite implementation of the Ganga Action Plan and other such plans for cleaning of rivers the water of most of the rivers in that State including the Ganga Yamuna, Gomti and Saryu is unfit for human consumption;

(b) if so, the progress in implementation of the plans for cleaning the national rivers ; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far thereon and the reasons for continued pollution of these rivers ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Under the Ganga Action Plan, which was started in 1985, only about 38% of the